## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH A B S T R A C T

Public Services – A.P. Works Accounts Service – certain allegations against Sri Fatha Mohammed, the then Pay and Accounts Officer, Hanumakonda and Joint Director of Works Accounts (Retd) in purchase of Stationery articles as per the report of the V&E Report – Article of Charges framed and written statement of defence submitted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

## FINANCE (WA-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt No. 2156

Dated:29-04-2010.
Read the following:-

- 1. Vigilance Report No. 142(40/V&E/EA/05) of General Administration (V&E) Department dated 16.09.2008.
- 2. Irrigation Department U.O. Note No. 23563/Ser.VII (V&E)/A1/2005-7 dated 31.12.2008.
- 3. Government Memo No. 393/3/WA.II/2009 dated 15.01.2009
- 4. Director of Works Accounts Memo No. DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.3/2008-09/588 dated 31.03.2009.
- 5. G.O. Rt No. 2229 Finance (WA.II) Department dated 23.04.2009.
- 6. From Sri Fatha Mohammed, the then Pay and Accounts Officer, Hanumakonda and Joint Director of Works Accounts (Retd), written statement of defence dated 14.07.2009.
- 7. Director of Works Accounts Letter No. DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC6/2009-10/171 dated 09.11.2009.

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## ORDER:

On a press clipping published in Vartha News Paper on 05-01-2005 under caption "Stationery Perita Contingency Nidhulu Swaha" in the Irrigation Circle, Warangal, the V&E Department have taken an inquiry and found certain irregularities and misappropriation of Government funds. During the inquiry, the V&E Department have pointed out certain Engineering personnel, P.A.Os., (Retd.), D.A.Os., and other Non-Gazetted staff members working in the O/o. PAO, Hanumakonda are responsible for such irregularities.

Accordingly, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the V&E Department has recommended the Irrigation and CAD Department to follow correct procedures for procurement of stationery items, out sourcing of Xeroxing and variations in release of LOC's to various divisions as the expenditure in Warangal District was observed to be 4 to 5 times more than that in the Khammam District and to take steps to recover the excess payment of about Rs.26.50 lakhs from the persons responsible and also to initiate disciplinary action as recommended in their report.

The Irrigation & CAD Department in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, furnished the V&E Report to this Department and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against certain Gazetted and non-Gazetted Officials of Works and Projects Department.

In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, Article of charges were framed against Sri Fatha Mohammed, the then Pay and Accounts Officer, Hanumakonda and Joint Director of Works Accounts (Retd). In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Accused Officer submitted his written statement of defence stating that, the responsibility for verifying the genuinity of bills and ascertaining the actual market rates rests with the Drawing and Disbursing Officers of Engineering Department as per codal rules of the Department. As per the revised pension rules 1980 where charges have not been framed and issued before retirement of the employee concerned the departmental proceedings after retirement can be instituted for a misconduct or misbehavior in respect of any even which took place not earlier than four years

before the institution of such proceedings vide sub clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension rules, 1980.As per Vigilance Department report the so called irregularities pointed out took place in the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 that is more than four years before institution of Departmental Proceedings against him and conveyed through G.O. Rt No. 2229 Finance (WA.II) Department dated 23.04.2009 and requested to close the case against him and further action be dropped in view of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Government after careful examination of the written statement of defence submitted by the Accused Officer and in consideration of the proposals of the Director of Works Accounts in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited, hereby drop further action against Sri Fatha Mohammed, the then Pay and Accounts Officer, Hanumakonda and Joint Director of Works Accounts (Retd) in terms of sub clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension rules, 1980.

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.E. SEKHAR BABU, SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

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Sri Fatha Mohammed, the then Pay and Accounts Officer, Hanumakonda and Joint Director of Works Accounts (Retd) through the Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Irrigation &CAD (Ser.VII(V&E) Department.

The General Administration (V&E) Department, BRK Buildings, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED: :BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.